

Activity Email**Sent on 10/4/2018****A message from Congressman Wittman****October 4 2018**

**Chief, Congressional Affairs
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 1st St NW Rm 642
Washington, DC 20534-0002**

Dear Ms. Edens:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence I received from my constituent Mandy Richards-Turner. Ms. Richards-Turner is the sister of Frederick Turner who is currently serving at USP Florence Colorado. She is requesting the transfer of her brother due to safety concerns. I believe you will find the letter self-explanatory.

I would appreciate you reviewing the enclosed documentation and providing me with any information that may be helpful to my constituent. Please direct your response to my office at:

95 Dunn Drive, Ste. 201
Stafford, VA 22556
(540) 659-2734 phone (540) 659-2737 fax

I am grateful for any assistance you may be able to provide in this matter.

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October 4, 2018

The Honorable Rob Wittman
House of Representatives
95 Dunn Drive, Suite 201
Richmond, VA 22556

Dear Congressman Wittman,

I write today to request your assistance in securing a transfer for my brother Frederick Turner, who is currently serving a 40-year sentence in USP Florence in Colorado for a nonviolent drug offense. His sentence is so long because of two charges he received under 924(c) due to guns that did not belong to him nor were they ever in his possession. His sentence has been criticized for being far too lengthy by both the [sentencing judge, Judge T.S. Ellis](#), and one of the [jurors that convicted him](#).

Because of Rick's lengthy sentence, he was placed in a maximum security prison despite being a nonviolent offender. This has become a problem and a major obstacle for Rick's rehabilitation. Due to the gang presence in maximum security prisons, Rick has received constant threats against his life as he refuses to join a gang. Rick wants to remain unaffiliated and focus on bettering his life, but this seems to be impossible in his current setting. I ask for your help in contacting the Bureau of Prisons in regards to transferring my brother to a lower security prison where he will be able to safely engage in programming and focus on getting better.

I thank you for your consideration and your help on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mandy Turner-Richards

██████, VA

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Activity Email

Sent on 10/22/2018

A message from Congressman Wittman

October 22, 2018

Chief, Congressional Affairs
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 1st St NW Rm 642
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Dear Ms. Edens:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence I received from my constituent, Mandy Turner Richards regarding her brother, Frederick Preston Gaarsoe Turner, whom she states is a non-violent offender who has been placed in a maximum security federal prison in Florence, Colorado. I believe you will find the letter self-explanatory.

I would appreciate you reviewing the enclosed documentation and providing me with any information that may be helpful to my constituent. Please direct your response to my office at:

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Sent on 12/6/2018

A message from Congressman Wittman

December 6, 2018

Chief, Congressional Affairs
Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 1st St NW Rm 642
Washington, DC 20534-0002

Dear Ms. Edens:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence I received from my constituent, Amanda Richards regarding her brother, Frederick Turner who is currently incarcerated in Florence, CO. Mr. Turner's family reached out to my office for assistance in trying to move him to a correctional facility closer to Virginia. His family states that his grandmother is in her 90s and her health is fading. Before Mr. Turner's incarceration he was her primary caregiver. According to his family, Mr. Turner was also the primary caregiver for his disabled nephew. The family also states that it is an extreme hardship for their family that their brother is incarcerated so far from home. I believe you will find the letter self-explanatory.

I would appreciate you reviewing the enclosed documentation and providing me with any information that may be helpful to my constituent. Please direct your response to my office at:

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I am grateful for any assistance you may be able to provide in this matter.

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November 25, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to my brother, Inmate # 91536083, Frederick PG Turner who is currently serving time in a max security Federal prison , USP Florence High, CO. My brother is a first time NON- Violent drug offender who has never been violent a day in his life and had no previous criminal record. His crimes did not involve any harm, assault, injury or death. By assigning him to a maximum security facility the bureau of prisons has insured that he has been placed in a dangerous environment with threats made on his life in Florence High if he does not bend to the will of the gangs within this facility and we are working to get him to a safer place.

My grandmother is 96 years old and her health is fading to the point that she is near death. Frederick took care and lived with my grandma before he was incarcerated and he was her primary caretaker. My brother also has been a vital role in my own sons life who is severely autistic. When Rick was locked up, I had my sons babysitter and caretaker taken away from me so I could work and support my family. Rick also has been a main caretaker to my nephew, Alex, who was born without arms and has epilepsy. Our family has had to scramble to get our children's caretakers who know how to handle the various handicaps. My son, who is autistic, is not able to visit Rick at all in a Max security facility and if you know anything about autism, that type of life change can set children years back. I have already seen the effects in my poor child.

My family is not famous, nor do we know any superstars and we do not have a lot of money to hire expensive legal representation. I know you are fully aware of the financial burdens put on families with incarcerated loved ones. With my brother not having a violent bone in his body, we can not comprehend why he was sent to a max security prison where he is not able to even do the therapies and things that Honorable Judge T. S. Ellis sentenced him to do. The RDAP program that he was sentenced to enroll is not even available in the max security prison. There have been national articles written about my brother's case and the injustice of the mandatory minimum sentence he received which included, a juror on his case, going to the media that he "does not feel any safer" with my brother locked up in this lengthy sentence. The judge at the sentencing hearing even stated that he did not wish to give Rick this sentence and that he felt the prosecution had stacked the charges against my brother, but he had to go by the outdated laws we have in place and we would have to go to Congress to get these laws changed so the Judge could have say in a convicts sentence. Judge Ellis also spoke to my brother's attorney, hoping his attorney would make sure that Rick completed the RDAP program and that he would work to get the prosecution to work out a deal with my brother. To date, the judge, the jurors and even the counselors within Florence High have stated that Frederick does not belong in a maximum security facility, however that there is nothing that any of them can do to change this outcome as it rests on the shoulders of the Bureau of Prisons.

So, while he is just a number to you, he is a brother, a son, an uncle, a nephew, a friend, a service worker, a contributor to society. He should never have been sent to a max security

facility being a Non-Violent offender and he should have immediate access to the RDAP program and therapies that the Judge sentenced him to complete.

He has family members who are in dire Straits without his help and my grandmother, nephew and son desperately need access to him in a safer place.

Thank you for your time and immediate consideration in this vital matter and consider relocating my brother, a Non-Violent first time offender.

Regards,

Jenny Brotherson, Amanda Richards,
(Frederick Turners Sisters)

Tari Turner

Activity Email

Sent on 12/13/2018

A message from Congressman Wittman

Ms. Mandy Richards-Turner
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Dear Ms. Richards-Turner:

In response to my inquiry on your behalf, I received the below email from the Bureau of Prisons. After you have had a chance to read the text regarding your brother's case, please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit your concerns to the agency. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (540) 659-2734 if I can be of further assistance.

Cheryl,

Thank you for your inquiry concerning Frederick Turner who is assigned to USP Florence, Colorado for service of his sentence. Specifically, Amanda Richards, sister of Mr. Turner, is concerned that her brother is a non-violent offender; however, he is placed in a High security facility. Additionally, the distance to USP Florence places undue burdens on family members to travel for visitation as some have medical conditions that prevents long distance travel. Ms. Richards, on the behalf of her brother is seeking your offices assistance to facilitate a hardship transfer to a medium/low facility nearer his release residence to facilitate visits.

Frederick Turner was sentenced on June 29, 2018, in the Eastern District of Virginia to a 480 month consecutive term of incarceration for Conspiracy to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Methamphetamine; Possession With Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Methamphetamine, and two counts of Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.

On July 16, 2018, the Designations, Security, and Classification Center (DSCC) designated Mr. Turner to USP Florence, Colorado. Due to Mr. Turner's term of incarceration, DSCC applied a Public Safety Factor Sentence Length. Per Program (PS) 5100.08, Inmate Security Designation and Custody Classification, "A male inmate with more than 30 years remaining to serve (including non-parolable LIFE sentences) will be housed in a High security level institution unless the PSF has been waived." (Chapter 5, page 11 and 15).

On July 27, 2018, Mr. Turner arrived at USP Florence to begin service of his sentence with a projected release date of January 8, 2053 via Good Conduct Time (GCT). Per PS 5100.08, "Nearer release transfers move the inmate closer to their legal residence or release destination, consistent with their security level." "Inmates may be considered for a nearer release transfer only after serving 18 consecutive months of clear conduct in a general population." (Chapter 7, page 4). Additionally, policy does not recognize/provide hardship transfers. Therefore, nearer January 2020, Mr. Turner needs to submit a request to his Unit Team for a nearer release transfer.

Cheryl, attached is PS 5100.08 for reference. You are more than welcome to share the policy with your constituent. Also, the program statement is available on our public web site www.bop.gov.

please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

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